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AMENDMENT A

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed 01/24/2002, please amend the above application as follows:

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, or general use cart

change to

, general use cart, or luggage

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two

change to:

three

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The flanged opening 7 has the flange protruding outward and allows items to be placed in without having to lift the upper recycle bin 2. For indoor storage the upper recycle bin 2 would have no opening in order to control odors. The handles 4 are used to secure the wheeled recycle bin 1 to the upper recycle bin 2, upper recycle bin 2 to the upper recycle bin lid 5, and the refuse container 10 to the refuse container recycle bin 3. The handle 4 of the refuse container 10 is in the unsecured position and is hitched to the handle of the upper recycle bin 2 by the hitch 6.

Change to

The flanged openings 7 has the flange protruding outward and allows items to be placed in without having to lift the upper and or middle recycle bin 2B or 2A. For indoor storage the recycle bins would have no opening in order to control odors. The handles 4 are used to secure the wheeled recycle bin 1 to the middle recycle bin 2A, middle recycle bin 2A to the upper recycle bin 2B, upper recycle bin 2B to the upper recycle bin lid 5, and the refuse container 10 to the refuse container recycle bin 3. The handle 4 of the refuse container recycle bin 3 is in the unsecured position and is hitched to the handle of the upper recycle bin 2B by the hitch 6.

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upper recycle bin 2

Change (3 places) to

middle recycle bin 2A

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upper recycle bin 2  
Change (2 places) to  
upper recycle bin **2B**

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2 upper recycle bin  
change to  
2A middle recycle bin  
2B upper recycle bin

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add  
, specifically attached container on top of wheeled container, attached container on top of refuse container, and attached container on top of attached container,

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upper recycle bin 2  
change (3 places) to  
middle recycle bin **2A**

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The placement of the upper recycle bin **2B** on middle recycle bin **2A** is similar to placement of the middle recycle bin **2A** on wheeled recycle bin 1.

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, also referred to as connecting,

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upper recycle bin 2  
change (3 places) to  
upper recycle bin **2B**

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Claim 3 and 8 -replace "other" with "a second"

3. The system of claim 1 further including a means for connecting said wheeled container secured to said attached container, to *a second* said wheeled container secured to *a second* said attached container, for rolling in the tilted position.

8. The system of claim 3 wherein said means for connecting said wheeled container secured to said attached container, to *a second* said wheeled container secured to *a second* said attached container, is a hitch.

12.0 page 11 of 13 Claim 7 to include "whereby adjoining containers are secured and tilted for rolling containers are connected, but excluding securing lids onto containers."

7. The system of claim 6 wherein said handle is the handle described in US 4,691,840 FERBRACHE patent, *whereby adjoining containers are secured and tilted for rolling containers are connected, but excluding securing lids onto containers.*